GOOD BROTHER,

HAVING reduced my laſt *Viſitation Articles*, which did in effect contain a compleat Summary of the Eſtabliſh'd Orders, and Diſcipline of the *Church* of *England*, to ſuch of them as I eſteem moſt proper for my preſent Enquiry; I cannot but take this Opportunity to recommend it to you, to aſſiſt, and excite your *Church-Wardens*, to make ſuch a full, and impartial Return to them, and Preſentment upon them, as both their Oath requires, and in Duty they ought to do.

But becauſe even among *theſe Articles* ſome there are, which being particularly anſwer'd, would give me a great Inſight into the true State of my *Dioceſe*, which it is my earneſt Deſire to be thoroughly acquainted withal: I have here digeſted the chief of them into proper *Queſtions*; and do pray you to bring in to me (diſtinct from your *Church-Wardens*) the fulleſt, and moſt ſatisfactory *Anſwers*, that you ſhall be able, with your beſt Diligence, to give to them.

I hope I need not aſſure you that I have no other View in this, but to be hereby enabled the better to do my own Duty; and to have the Comfort to find that you have taken all poſſible Care, within your ſeveral Pariſhes, to do yours.

To the Grace of that *God* whom we all ſerve in the *Goſpel* of his *Son*, and the Aſſiſtance of his *Holy Spirit*, I moſt humbly commend both your Self, and your Labours in the *Church* of *Chriſt*, committed to your Care, and remain with a very ſincere Affection,

GOOD BROTHER,

Your faithful Friend and Brother,

May 16.
1709.

W. *LINCOLN.*

I. WHAT number of *Families* have you in your Pariſh? About what number of *Souls*? Of theſe, How many are *Papiſts*, or *other Diſſenters*? And of what *Sort*?

Anſwer.

II. Are there any *publick Meetings* in your *Pariſh*? How *many*? Of what *Sort*? Who chiefly *teaches* in them? How *often* do they *meet*? In about what *Numbers*?

Anſwer.

III. Is there any publick *Schole* in your Pariſh? How is it *endow'd*? Or otherwiſe *maintained*? Who *teaches* it? What numbers of Children are taught in it?

Anſwer.

IV. Has any *Charity Schole* been lately ſet up in your Pariſh? For what *Number* of *Children*? *Boys*, or *Girls*? What care is taken to Inſtruct them in the *Principles* of *Religion*? What *Catechiſm* do they Uſe?

Anſwer.

V. Is there any *Alms-Houſe*, *Hoſpital*, or other *Publick Charity* founded in your Pariſh? What is the *Endowment*? Who has the direction, or diſpoſal of it?

Anſwer.

VI. Have any *Lands* or *Tenements* been given for the *Repair of your Church*? Where do they lie? Of what yearly *Value* are they? How are they employ'd purſuant to that *End*?

Anſwer.

VII. Do you know your ſelf, or have you been credibly inform'd by others, of any Abuſes, or Frauds, committed in relation to any of theſe *Eſtabliſhments*?

Anſwer.

VIII. Have you *Baptiz'd* any *Adults* ſince the laſt Viſitation? What are their *Names*? How came they not to have been *before Baptiz'd*?

Anſwer.

IX. Do you know of any who come to Church, that are ſtill *Unbaptiz'd*? Or *Baptiz'd*, but not *Confirm'd*?

Anſwer.

X. What number of *Communicants* have you in your Pariſh? Particularly, about what number did *receive* the *Holy Sacrament* of the *Lord's-Supper* at *Eaſter* laſt? Have you many who being come to Years of Diſcretion, do yet ſeldom, or never, Communicate at all?

Anſwer.

XI. Have any *Perſons of Quality*, or *Gentlemen of Eſtates*, come into your Pariſh, or left it, ſince the laſt Viſitation?

Anſwer.

Those who did not give an Account then, of Persons of Quality, or Gentlemen of Estates, who have their Seats, or Abode, within their Parishes, are desired to do it now.

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I Must farther take this Opportunity to admonish all such as entertain any *Curates* within my *Diocese*, not to admit any to officiate under that Character in their Churches, who are not licens'd by the Bishop; nor, if they come out of any *other Diocese*, unless they exhibit to them *Letters Dimissory*, and *Testimonial*, from the *Bishop*, or other Ordinary, within whose Jurisdiction they were employ'd; according to the 48th Canon, and the Order of our Metropolitan to that Effect. *Circ. Letter Anno* 1695. §. 10.

I do also hereby give Notice to all Persons who shall have Occasion hereafter to apply to me for *Holy-Orders*, that they do more carefully observe my former Directions of sending me their Names, at least a *Fortnight* before the *Ordination Sunday:* And if they come out of the Country, that they bring with them a *Certificate*, duly Sign'd, that *Publick Notice* has been given of their Intention in the Parish where they last resided the Week before; to the end that if any Person hath any thing to object against it, he may have timely warning so to do. See the same Circ. Letter, §. 11.

W. LINCOLN.

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